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Claims 1-46 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-17, 27-35, 39-41 and 45 have been canceled. Claim 43 has been amended. The changes to the amended claim from the previous version to the rewritten version are shown above with brackets for deleted matter and underlines for added matter. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

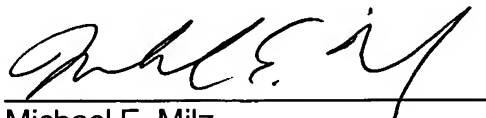
In the outstanding final Office Action, claims 18-26, 36-38 and 46 have been allowed. No further discussion of these allowed claims is therefore necessary.

In the outstanding final Office Action, claim 45 has been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the claims from which these claims depend. Independent claim 43, from which claim 45 depends, has therefore been amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 45. Claim 43 is therefore in condition for allowance. Claim 44, which is dependent on claim 43, is likewise in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims have been canceled so as to place the application in condition for allowance.

It is therefore believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is now earnestly requested. If for any reason the Examiner is not able to allow the application, he is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4273.

Respectfully submitted,

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